

Remarks


Entry of this Amendment and withdrawal of the drawings objection are respectfully requested. Claims 1-13, 15-41, 43-54 & 56 remain pending.

In accordance with this paper, FIG. 2 is amended in the "Replacement Sheet" 2/5 to correct a typographical error noted by the Examiner in the Office Action. Specifically, the spelling of "continue" is corrected as circled in red on the "Annotated Sheet". Based on this amendment, withdrawal of the drawings objection is respectfully requested.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth in the prior-filed Response of March 14, 2005.

If, however, a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin P. Radigan
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No.: 31,789

Dated: June 24, 2005.

HESLIN ROTHENBERG FARLEY & MESITI P.C.
5 Columbia Circle
Albany, New York 12203-5160
Telephone: (518) 452-5600
Facsimile: (518) 452-5579

Amendments to the Drawings

In the Notice dated June 8, 2005, the Drawing Amendments were deemed Non-Compliant for failing to contain the legends "Replacement Sheet", "New Sheet" or "Annotated Sheet" in the top margin therein. Corrective thereto, the corrected "Replacement Sheet" 2/5 and the redlined "Annotated Sheet" 2/5 are submitted herewith.

Accordingly, please substitute the enclosed drawing "Replacement Sheet 2/5" for the corresponding drawing sheet originally filed with the application. The attached drawing sheet 2/5 includes changes to FIG. 2, and is explained below in the Remarks section of this Response.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet 2/5

Annotated Sheet showing change circled in red.

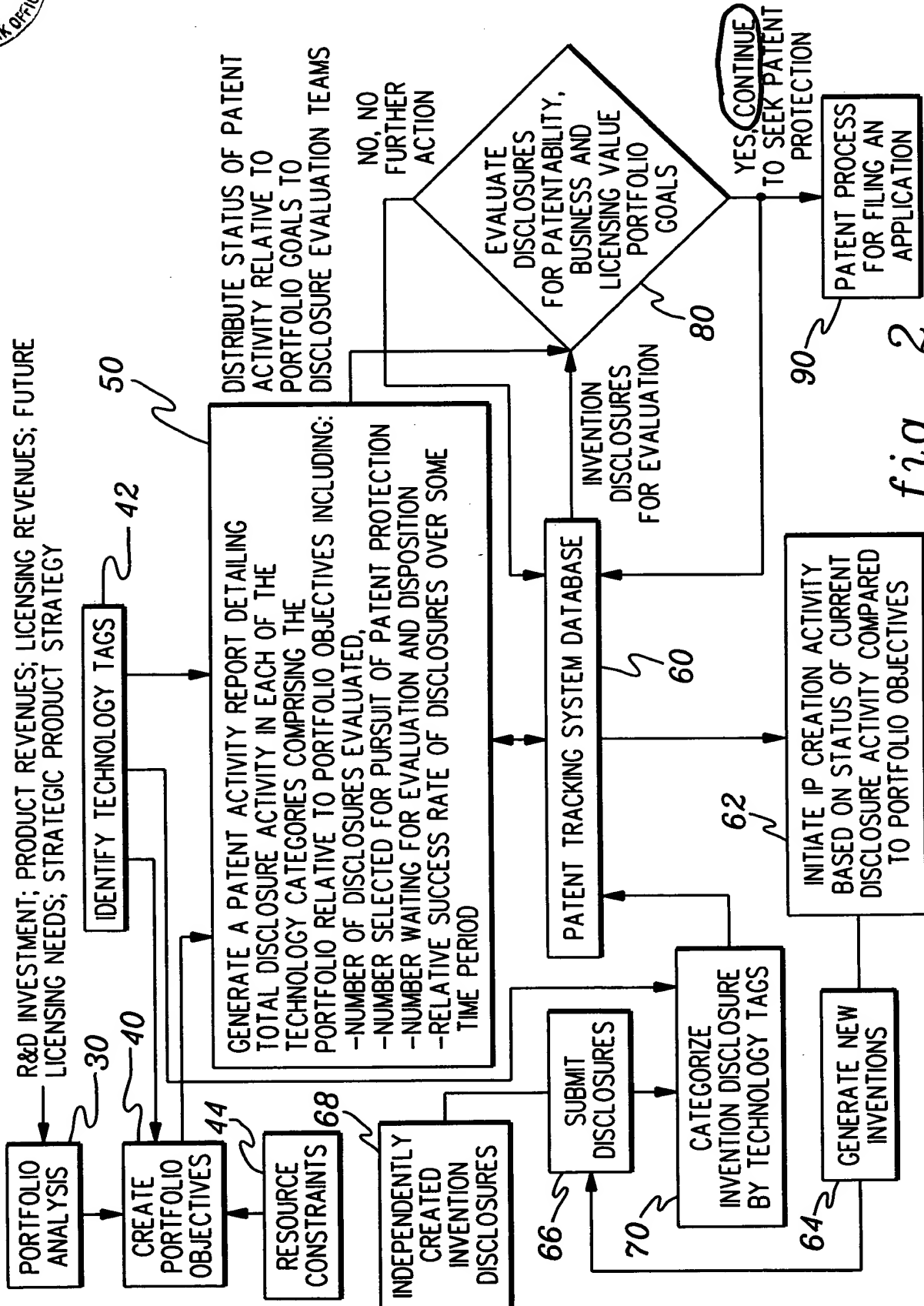


fig. 2